

The revised Scheme is aimed at covering 1.14 lakh tribal villages throughout the country in the first phase with an estimated cost of Rs. 1066.00 crores. The cash component under the Scheme is Rs. 66.00 crore to be disbursed to the States for storage bins, expenditure on lifting of foodgrains etc. under the scheme. The food grains are to be supplied to the State on their demand through the FCI. The revised Scheme is yet to be approved by Government.

**Procurement of paddy**

†1240. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procurement of paddy has been completed in the country by the end of October, 2001;

(b) if not, the quantum of foodgrains lying in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India by the end of October, 2001;

(c) the quantum of rice, wheat, paddy and other foodgrains, separately; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on procurement of this stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The procurement of paddy is still in progress. The quantity of food grains available in Central Pool at the end of October, 2001 alongwith its approximate acquisition cost is as under:—

Commodity	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
Wheat	357.97	26413
Rice*	265.03	27125
Coarsegrains	0.02	—
Total	623.02	53538

\*(including paddy in terms of rice)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.